



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Hemophilia is a rare genetic bleeding disorder in which one of the proteins that causes the blood to clot is missing, or insufficient, causing individuals to bleed longer; and
- WHEREAS: Without effective blood clotting, external and internal injuries have difficulty healing, and internal bleeding in the joints can result in pain and permanent damage; and
- WHEREAS: Hemophilia is typically a lifelong condition, primarily treated with infusions of a protein involved in blood clotting; and
- WHEREAS: Hemophilia is found in all populations, and it is estimated that more than 400,000 people worldwide are living with hemophilia, affecting approximately 20,000 people in the United States and 600 people in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: The Hemophilia Foundation of Minnesota and The Dakotas provides education, support, and advocacy to improve quality of life, prevent disability, and enable individuals to live active and fulfilling lives; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes those living with hemophilia, their caregivers, and loved ones in advocating for access to treatment and care, and joins them in raising awareness of hemophilia.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim  
Wednesday, March 22, 2017, as:

## HEMOPHILIA AWARENESS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set  
my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State  
of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol  
this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE